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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Committee on Exploitation of Foreign
Language Publications

SUBJECT: Procurement of Critical Far East Publications

1. This is our first progress report on the above subject. I have just received the following information from Vientiane, Laos, through the courtesy of the Ad-hoc publications officer there:

"The Embassy is now sending you, marked "ICD/FF for WF," the following titles regularly:

Lao Rak Set (published only in Lao),
Lao Rakxa Set (both the French and Lao editions),
L'Independent (published only in French),
Lao Presse (French edition, but not the Lao edition, called Xhev Khosana Kan)
La Voix du Peuple (French edition, but not the Lao edition, called Sieng Rajadorn), and
Lao Ruan Samphan (published only in Lao).

We think that you can count on regular, current air-pouch receipt of these titles, as long as they continue to be published. Our air-pouch facilities present no problem in this regard at present.

Lao Ruan Lao is no longer published. I have verified for you that Santiphab is likewise no longer appearing.

"In addition to samples of those listed above, which you are supposed to be receiving, samples of the following are included:

Anakod Lao (in Lao only)
Kham Nouan (Lao only)
Lao Lan Gang (Lao only)
L'Avenir du Laos (in French only, but not published for about two months and not expected to resume)

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Khav Khosana Xan (the Lao edition of Leo Presse, which does not duplicate the French edition exactly)
Midthabarn (Lao only)
Prechathipatay (Lao only)
Sieno Buddhadham (Lao only)
Sieno Rajasadorn (the Lao edition of La Voix du Peuple, but not an exact duplicate)
Tamrau; Sonphan (Lao only)."

2. We will keep you posted as we have further progress to report.

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Chairman Committee on Procurement
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